(c) the time by which the agreement is to be entered into?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Deccan Hospital Corporation Ltd. (Appollo Group of Hospitals) have signed a collaboration agreement with Inter Industrial Self Supporting Foreign Trade Firm (ISSFTF) of USSR on 20-4-1991 for setting up Apollo Fyodorov Eye Research Institute at Hyderabad for acquiring advance technology in the field of Eye Microsurgery developed at Intersectoral Research and Technology Complex (IRTC) USSR.

Water Crisis in Keoladeo National Park

4406. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA:

SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Keoladeo National Park in Bharatpur is facing a water crisis and as a result thereof the number of birds visiting the park from Europe, China and Siberia have gone down in recent years;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Keoladeo National Park in Bharatpur faces water scarcity during some years when the area may suffer from drought. Because of the very wide fluctuations in the estimated populations of migratory waterfowl wintering each year in the National Park, it is not possible to conclude that there is a definite correlation between these populations and the availability of water in the Park. However, in case of the Siberian craines, their number arriving in the Park has been dwindling: from 38 in 1987 to 31, 23, 17 and 10 in 1988, 1989, 1990 and 1991 respectively. Beside shortage of water in the Park, the other possible reasons for the decline could be poor breeding of the birds in Siberia and their perscution during the long migratory flight to India and back.

(c) Steps taken to augment water supply to the Keoladeo National Park include:

(i) The Government of Rajasthan have been requested to ensure that adequate water is released timely to the Park from the Panchna dam during times of drought.

(ii) Central assistance is provided each year for the development and maintenance of the National Park, including the disilting of water supply canals, construction and maintenance of sluice-gates and pumping of ground water.

(iii) The Government of Rajasthan have also been requested to explore the possibility of supplying water to the Park from the Chambal river.

Housing Loans to Beedi Workers

4407. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA:

SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of housing loans sanctioned to Beedi workers during the last three years, State-wise:

(b) the number of houses built during the above period, State-wise;

(c) whether the cess collected from Beedi workers is utilised for the welfare scheme of Beedi workers; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b) A statement is given below:

(c) Cess is not levied and collected from the beedi workers. However, cess is collected from beedi establishments under the Beedi Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1976. The cess amount is utilised for the various Welfare Schemes for beedi workers.

(d) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Amount of loan and number of houses built State-wise for Beedi workers during the last 3 years

S. No.	*State*	*1988-89*	*1989-90*	*1990-91*	*No. of houses built during the last 3 yrs.*
		Loan	*Loan*	*Loan*	
		(*Rupees in thousands*)			
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Karnataka	4	3	10	4
2	Kerala	194	1092	1232	268
3	W. Bengal	..	156	336	49
4	Assam	270	273	54	90
5	Maharashtra	10	45	24	4
6	Madhya Pradesh	6	30	..	3
7	Gujarat	..	26	54	14
8	Uttar Pradesh	6	9	9	3
9	Orissa	246	594	378	203
10	Tamil Nadu	..	5	Not available	2*
11	Andhra Pradesh	4	21	Do.	2*

*Figures are provisional.

Discrepancy in Pay Scales of Yoga Teachers in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Delhi Administration

4408. SHRI RAMASHRAY PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any discrepancy in pay scales of yoga teachers of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Delhi Administration; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The pay scale for Physical Education Teachers in Delhi Administration is Rs. 1400-2600. Yoga teachers in Delhi Administration also enjoy the same scale of pay.